

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Divisional of Patent Application Serial No. 09/434,565, filed November 12, 1999

Applicants : OGATA, Masami *et al.*
Title : Image Processing Apparatus and Image Processing Method
Art Unit : 2624 (Parent Application)
Examiner : CHEN, Wenpeng (Parent Application)

745 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10151

EXPRESS MAIL

Mailing Label Number: EU 988124109 US

Date of Deposit: March 16, 2004

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Chiaki Kokka

(Typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee)

(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26.